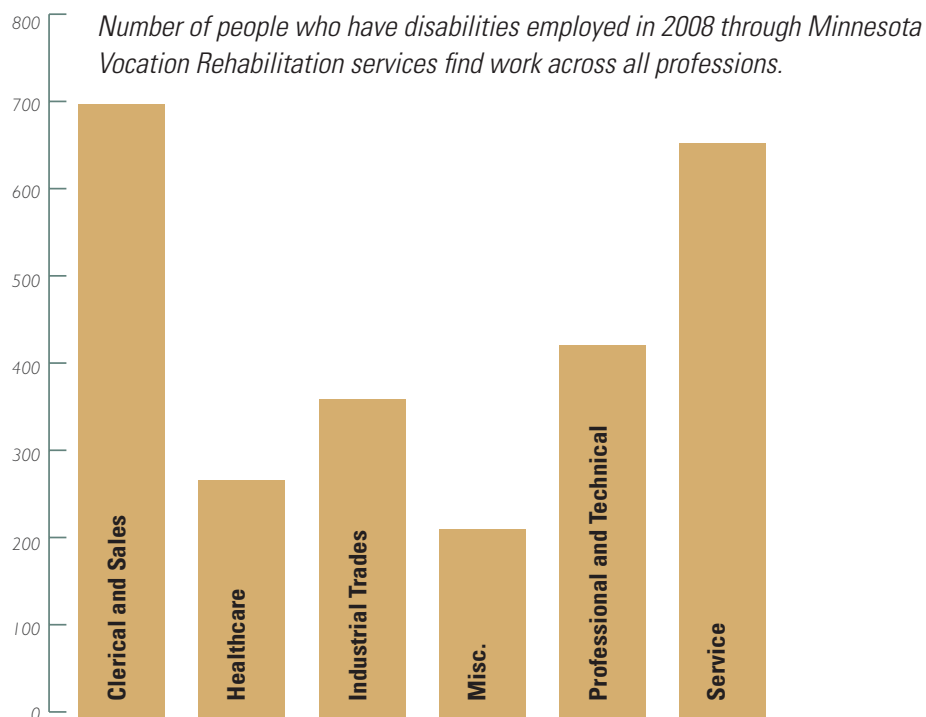


Minnesotans who have disabilities are qualified across all job types and professions

People who have disabilities can be found throughout workforce, in colleges, trade schools and training programs. They represent a significant, untapped pool of talent that businesses are now actively recruiting to meet growing workforce needs.

- Over 11,000 previously unemployed people who have a disability used vocational rehabilitation services to gain employment in the past 5 years.
- Almost 40 percent of college students report having a disability, and they are entering the workforce today. Graduation rates for this demographic group varies little from the rest of the population, with interests and study areas nearly matching the same spectrum as their fellow students.
- According to the 2008 American Community Survey Military veterans in the United States in 2008 totaled 23.2 million people and nearly 24 percent (5.5 million) of those veterans have a disability. Minnesota veterans have similar graduation, disability, and unemployment rates as non-veterans.



Source: Minnesota State Rehabilitation Council 2008 Annual Report